

**Amendments to the claims:**

13. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis comprising:  
a strapping member adapted for use on a lower leg, having an ankle and a foot;  
~~and having an anterior longitudinal stiffener, wherein said anterior longitudinal stiffener~~  
is constructed from a reinforced resin to be inflexibly rigid;

a sole plate; and  
a strut, wherein said strut is constructed from a reinforced resin to be resiliently and  
flexibly configurable, and

wherein said strut extends from said anterior longitudinal stiffener to a lateral side of said  
sole plate such that said strut is disposed adjacent an anterior portion of said ankle to connect  
said anterior longitudinal stiffener with said strut. connecting the longitudinal stiffener and the  
~~sole plate, the strut extending to the sole plate at the outer side thereof, and anterior of the~~  
~~position of the ankle, wherein said strut is flexible.~~

14. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,  
wherein at least a portion of said strut and said sole plate ~~the flexible portions of the orthosis are~~  
is manufactured substantially of one of glass fibre and aramid fibre reinforced resin, and wherein  
said anterior longitudinal stiffener ~~the inflexible portion is manufactured of a~~ in carbon fibre  
reinforced resin.

15. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,  
wherein said sole plate includes a plate area having an inflexibly rigid portion and a flexibly non-  
rigid portion wherein the rigidity of sole plate varies over the area thereof, portions being  
~~inflexible, and portions being flexible so as to give support to the~~ for supporting said foot while  
~~whilst allowing toes on said foot to bend~~ bending of the toes.

16. Cancelled.

17. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,  
wherein the strapping member is adapted to extend around the sides of ~~a~~ said leg, and has

securing straps adapted to accommodate a variation in leg thickness.

18. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 17, wherein said strapping member is ~~moulded~~ constructed from a soft thermoplastic material so as to be mouldable by application of heat.

19. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13, wherein said strut is encased.

20. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 19, wherein ~~said the~~ strut is encased in a sleeve of plastics material.

21. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 20, wherein said sleeve is heat shrinkable to allow said sleeve to be tightly moulded ~~so as to mould itself tightly~~ to the contours of the said strut.

22. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13, wherein fasteners are provided and whereby the said anterior longitudinal stiffener is ~~movable~~ longitudinally movable relative to said ~~of the~~ strapping member

23. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 22, wherein said anterior longitudinal stiffener is disposed on the an inside portion of said strapping member.

24. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13, wherein said strapping member includes a channel and wherein said anterior longitudinal stiffener resides in a said channel ~~of the strapping member~~.

25. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 24,  
wherein said channel includes an opening disposed in a bottom portion of said channel ~~is open at~~  
~~the bottom.~~